

Testimony to Appropriations Comm. for the March 2, 2015 Public Hearing on pheasant stocking program Funding.

I support maintaining the pheasant stocking program.

As a volunteer hunting safety instructor for the state of Connecticut I am involved with helping hundreds of CT residents obtain their hunting licenses every year. Seeing young kids spending time in the outdoors is so important and pheasant hunting is an excellent type of hunting to teach the fundamentals to new young hunters.

I am also an officer at the Colchester Fish & Game club, a hunting club with over two hundred members who also feel strongly about the continued stocking of pheasants within our state.

The pheasant program is for the most part a self-sustaining program with tags sold every year, with the understanding that the revenue collected would go towards the purchase of birds for the next season. So essentially by cutting this program you would be stealing from those sportsmen who purchased tags and putting a end to a recreation that brings in large amounts of revenue through the state.

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